



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Serial No: 10/621,984                      Docket No: 500CON  
Filing Date: 07/16/2003                  Applicant: Verdell Thornton  
Examiner: THOMAS, DAVID B              Art Unit: 3723  
Title: **AUTOMATED PILL BOTTLE OPENER**

To: Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action for this application.

**STATUS**

2. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status.

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, a conditional petition is hereby made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

4. **FEE FOR CLAIMS:** The fee for claims has been calculated as follows:

Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra
Total 7	- 20	= 0
Ind. 7	- 3	= 0

No additional fee for claims is required.

5. **FEE PAYMENT:** No fee is required at this time. Authorization is hereby given to charge any required fees to deposit account number 11-1245.

6. Certificate of Mailing (37 CFR 1.8a): I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Respectfully submitted,

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